WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A system for managing a plurality of program initiatives comprising:

a program initiative management tool comprising:

a list of the plurality of program initiatives and including identification information related to the program initiatives and a list of tasks that can be performed for each program initiative, and

for each task to be performed for a particular program initiative, a target date of completion for the particular program initiative, wherein the target date is entered in a manner to differentiate a status of the corresponding task;

a program initiative delivery process document comprising:

a list of business functionalities entered in a differentiated manner,

a list of activities corresponding to the business functionalities, the activities corresponding to task or subtasks in the program initiative management tool, and

an indication of business functionalities that are used as resources for activities;

and

a relational database for storing information related to activities, resources and flags that describe the entries in the program initiative delivery process document.

2.   The system recited in claim 1, wherein the program initiative management tool comprises:

a list of the plurality of program initiatives in rows, one program initiative per row;

one or more columns for providing additional information for each of the program initiatives;

a column corresponding to each task to be performed for the program initiatives, with a task heading corresponding to the task;

a column corresponding to each subtask to be performed for each task, with a subtask heading corresponding to the subtask to be performed;

a target completion date entered for each task for each of the plurality of program initiatives, the target completion date entered at the intersection of the column and row corresponding to the task and program initiative respectively, wherein the target completion date is entered in a manner to indicate a status of the task; and

a jeopardy entered for each task for which a resource or input is not available when required.

3.   The system recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of program initiatives is listed in priority order.

4.   The system recited in claim 1, wherein the program delivery process document comprises:

a plurality columns corresponding to business functionalities, with the corresponding business unit as a heading;

a plurality of rows corresponding to functional units associated with a one of the business functionalities, the functional unit listed in the column corresponding to the associated business functionality;

a plurality of additional columns associated with the activities, listing one activity per column in a one of the rows corresponding to the functional unit responsible for the activity; and

wherein a functional units to be used as a resource for a particular activity are listed as such in the column corresponding to the activity.

5.   The system recited in claim 1, wherein the manner to indicate the task uses color.

6.   The system recited in claim 1, wherein the manner to indicate the task uses text formatting.

7.   The system recited in claim 1, wherein the relational database is a web server having an web browser graphical user interface front end.

8.   The system recited in claim 1, wherein tasks not having target completion dates are identified.

9.   A method for managing a plurality of program initiatives, comprising the steps of:

       listing the plurality of program initiatives along with identification information related to the program initiatives and tasks that can be performed for each program initiative in priority order;

       entering a target completion date for each task to be performed in each program initiative in a manner to indicate a status of the corresponding task; and

       entering a jeopardy for each task for which a resource or an input is not available when required.

10.   The method recited in claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

       entering a list of business functionalities in a differentiated manner;

       providing a list of activities corresponding to the business functionalities, the activities corresponding to task or subtasks in the program initiative management tool; and

       providing an indication of business functionalities that are used as resources for activities.

11.   The method recited in claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

       creating a relational database for storing information related to activities, resources and flags that describe the entries in the program initiative delivery process document.

12.　　The method recited in claim 9, further comprising the step of indicating the status of each task using different colors.

13.　　The method recited in claim 9, further comprising the step of indicating the status of each task using different text formats.

14.　　The method recited in claim 11, further comprising the step of creating the relational database using a server executing a web browser graphical user interface front end.

15.　　The method recited in claim 9, further comprising the step of identifying tasks not having target completion dates.

16.　　A system for identifying jeopardies in a plurality of program initiatives, comprising:

　　　　a program initiative management tool, showing the plurality of program initiatives in a prioritized list, and for each program initiative, showing a target completion date for each task associated with each program initiative and a jeopardy for each task for which a resource or an input is not available when required, wherein the jeopardy is shown in a manner to differentiate it from a target completion date;

　　　　a program initiative delivery process document that provides a template for generating new program initiatives, the program initiative delivery document including a list of business functionalities and functional units corresponding thereto and for each functional unit an indication of which activity the functional unit performs or for which activities, if any, the functional unit serves as a resource; and

　　　　a relational database for storing activities that can be performed by the functional units, and associated resources, inputs and outputs.

17.　　The system recited in claim 16, wherein the jeopardy is shown using a different color than any target completion date.

18.   The system recited in claim 16, wherein the jeopardy is shown using a different text format than any target completion date.

19.   The system recited in claim 16, wherein each target completion date is assigned one or more of a color and a text format to indicate a status of the task with which it is associated.

20.   The system recited in claim 16, wherein the program initiative management tool comprises a spreadsheet.

21.   The system recited in claim 16, wherein the relational database comprises a web server and web browser graphical user interface front end.

22.   A system for managing a plurality of program initiatives, comprising:

        means for listing the program initiatives according to a pre-determined priority;

        means for assigning tasks and subtasks required to complete each program initiative;

        means for entering a target completion date for each task in a manner to indicate a status of the task;

        means for assigning jeopardies to tasks that do not have a required resource or input available when needed;

        means for showing the jeopardies in a manner to indicate which subtask of a task caused the jeopardy; and

        means for indicating those tasks that are not required for any one or more of the plurality of program initiatives.

23.   The system recited in claim 22, further comprising means for showing the target completion dates and jeopardies, if any, on a spreadsheet.

24. The system recited in claim 22, wherein the means for entering the target completion date includes means for entering the target completion date using one or more of a color and a text format to indicate status of the task.

25. The system recited in claim 22, further comprising means for providing additional information regarding activities associated with the tasks and/or subtasks.

26. The system recited in claim 25, further comprising means for providing additional information regarding resources associated with the activities.

27. The system recited in claim 26, further comprising means for providing additional information regarding inputs and outputs associated with the activities.

28. The system recited in claim 22, further comprising means for providing a template for generating a program initiative.